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SUBJECT: YI HU- RAK BRIEFS NATIONAL ASSEMBLY ON SOUTH/ NORTH
RELATIONS

REF: SEOUL 3098 (NOTAL)

1. CIA DIRECTOR YI HU- RAK BRIEFED CLOSED SESSION OF
NATIONAL ASSEMBLY MAY 22 ON SOUTH/ NORTH RELATIONS.
CLOSED SESSION WAS ORDERED BY SPEAKER CHONG IL- KWON
TO PROTECT " CLASSIFIED INFORMATION" IN YI' S REPORT.
ALTHOUGH NEWSMEN WERE ADMITTED THEY WERE INSTRUCTED
NOT TO REPORT ANY OF YI' S REMARKS, AND PRESS HAS
REPORTED ONLY THE FACT OF YI' S BRIEFING, WITHOUT ANY
DETAILS.

2. NDP NATIONAL ASSEMBLYMAN YI CHUNG- CHAE DISCUSSED
YI' S REMARKS WITH EMBOFF MAY 23. HE SAID THE CIA
DIRECTOR HAD TRACED THE ORIGIN OF THE TALKS IN TERMS
WHICH ARE FAMILIAR PUBLICLY. YI HU- RAK THEN SAID THAT
THE TALKS WERE CURRENTLY MAKING NO PROGRESS, AND FOR
THIS HE BLAMED THE NORTH KOREANS, WHO WERE USING THE
TALKS FOR THEIR OWN PURPOSES.

3. YI CHUNG- CHAE SUMMARIZED YI' S REMARKS BY SAYING
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THAT THE DIALOGUE WAS NOT MAKING ANY PROGRESS, BUT
THAT IT WAS BETTER TO HAVE IT CONTINUE IN THIS WAY
THAN TO HAVE NO TALKS AT ALL. AS FOR THE LONG- TERM
FUTURE, YI QUOTED YI HU- RAK AS SAYING AT ONE POINT THAT
A SOLUTION TO THE KOREAN PROBLEM WOULD HAVE TO INVOLVE
SOME KIND OF NEGOTIATION AND UNDERSTANDING AMONG THE
" BIG POWERS," A STATEMENT WHICH THE CIA DIRECTOR DID
NOT ELABORATE ON.

4. ROK/ CIA LIAISON OFFICER HAS TOLD US IN REPLY TO QUERY
THAT YI' S REMARKS CONTAINED NOTHING THAT WOULD BE NEW
OR UNUSUAL FOR THE EMBASSY.
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